GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 13524, of D.C. Government, pursuant to Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations, for a special exception under Paragraph 3101.47 for the proposed use of a radio tower by other commercial businesses in addition to Channel 50 in an R-5-A District at the premises rear of 6001 Georgia Avenue, N.W., (Parcel 101/55, Square 2983)

HEARING DATE: October 14, 1981

DECISION DATE: October 14, 1981 (Bench Decision)

ORDER

- 1. The Metropolitan Police Department uses the entire south side of the subject tower for its two-way communications. The MPD was requesting approval to allow commercial businesses to lease space on the entire north side of the tower.
- 2. In BZA Order No. 13524, dated August 20, 1981, the Board granted approval to the Metropolitan Police Department for additions to the subject existing tower to those facilities to serve television station Channel 50. The Board determined to hold an additional further public hearing on October 14, 1981 to consider whether additional commercial antennas on the tower should be permitted and the impact of such potential antennas on surrounding properties.
- 3. By memorandum dated September 25, 1981 from the Metropolitan Police Department to the BZA, the MPD advised the Board that the Department of General Services had advised the MPD that General Servicesis responsible for the leasing of all District of Columbia space to the private sector. The MPD requested that the application be amended to substitute the General Services as the proper applicant and that the application be continued until the Department of General Services could prepare its case.
- 4. The BZA staff, by telephone, advised the MPD that a representative of the Department of General Services be present at the scheduled public hearing of October 14, 1981 and request an amendment of the application and a continuance of the hearing.

5. On October 14, 1981 no representative of either the Department of General Servicesor the MPD were present at the public hearing. No communication was received from the Department of General Services

In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED that the application, for use of the tower by commercial businesses other than Channel 50 is DISMISSED for failure of prosecution.

VOTE: 5-0 (Walter B. Lewis, Douglas J. Patton, Charles R. Norris, William F. McIntosh and Connie Fortune to DISMISS)

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY:

STEVEN E. SHER
Executive Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: 12NOV 1981

UNDER SUB-SECTION 8204.3 OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."